

HUNTING-TRAPPING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-17-19

Issued at Juneau, Alaska

Effective Date: 29 October, 2019

Expiration Date: 30 June 2020
(unless superseded by a subsequent
emergency order)

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the state resident and nonresident wolf trapping and hunting seasons in Game Management Unit 2. This order is effective at 11:59 PM, 15 January, 2020.

REGULATORY TEXT:

Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 84.270 (13), TRAPPING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR WOLF and of 5 AAC 85.045, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR WOLF, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for trapping and hunting wolves in Unit 2:

Unit and Bag Limit	Resident Open Season	Nonresident Open Season
(1)		
Unit 2		
No limit wolves per regulatory year by trapping only:	Nov. 15-Jan. 15	Nov. 15-Jan. 15
5 wolves per regulatory year by hunting;	Dec. 1-Jan. 15 (General hunt only)	Dec. 1-Jan. 15

All other hunting and trapping regulations in Unit 2 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Acting Commissioner

By delegation to:



Tom Schumacher
Regional Supervisor

JUSTIFICATION:

Through the Board of Game process in January 2019, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) changed the harvest management strategy for wolves in Game Management Unit (Unit) 2 from one based on a harvest objective to one based on a population objective. The Alaska Board of Game adopted a Unit 2 fall population objective range of 150 to 200 wolves. ADF&G's most recent estimate of the Unit 2 wolf population is 170 wolves. Under ADF&G's harvest management plan, when the most current population estimate (170) is within the objective range (150-200) the trapping season may be up to two months long. During regulatory year 2019 (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020) the Unit 2 wolf trapping season will be open for the full two months. ADF&G believes a two-month season will allow the greatest harvest opportunity possible while also maintaining the population within the objective range.

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